

therein may be fully vindicated from that fowle imputation which the said Pakes endeavoured to lay vpon him, And in regard our said Secretary hath bene faine to neglect his owne privat occasions this Last yeare very much for the publick service of vs and the Collony there, whereby being but lately come thither and vnprovided of a settled habitation hee hath bene putt to great streights for the provision of himselfe and family, And had not (as Wee are informed the twenty Barrells of Corne which wee appointed hee should haue had out of our Rents there, the last yeare Wee Doe therefore hereby declare our Will and pleasure to be that hee shall haue the said twenty Barrells of Corne out of our next Rents due vnto vs, there, and also two thowsand weight of Tobacco out of the arreares due and as yet vnpaid vnto vs for Custome of dutch Shippes which traded there the last Cropp and shipping tyme for which wee shall giue allowance vpon the accompt of our Comission^{rs} for our Thresury there vnto whom this shalbe a sufficient Warrant and discharge in that behalf And whereas in regard of our said Secretaryes other employments hee can hardly haue leisure to execute the place of our Attorney Generall there, Wee doe therefore hereby authorize and require you our said Lieutennant William Stone to appoint some other fitt person there to execute the place for the present in the same manner as [the] said Secretary was impowred to doe by his Com[iss]ion from vs, to that purpose and noe otherwise till [wee] shall some other Way dispose thereof allowing reasonable fees yearely vnto him, for his paines of our Rents and Revenues there, as you shall thin[ke] fitt during his employment therein, But in cas[e] our said Secretary can haue leisure and be willing to continue the Execution of the said Office of our Attorney Gennerall Then our Will is that he be permitted soe to doe without appointing any other therein and that he be allowed the said ffees abovementioned, Wee haue great reason to be willing, and ready vpon all occasions to gratify amongst divers others who have deserved well of vs there, John Mettcalfe gent and Lieutennant William Lewes who haue each of them made Suite vnto vs lately to bestowe the Sherriffes place of Saint Maryes vpon them respectiuey, And Wee haue thought p. 26
fitt therefore hereby efficaciously to recomend both both of them vnto you our said Lieutennant William Stone to the end you may make Choice of one of them (who shall appeare vnto you most fitt) for that office, and to appoint the other of them (if you find him fitt for it) to be our Receiuer Gennerall there, or in case you find the said Lieutennant Lewis more fitt and willing (as wee vnderstand hee is) to be our and the Collonyes interpreter Gennerall there, for the Indian Tongue, and that you can prevaile with the Assembly there to consent to some